

Report from the Schools Forum School Funding Working Group

Purpose of report

1. To report on the meeting of the School Funding Working Group held on 20th February 2012.

Main considerations for School Forum

2. The draft minutes of the meeting are attached at Appendix 1.
3. The School Funding Working Group made the following recommendations:

4. *Budget 2012-13*

It was recommended that the following investment proposals be funded:

YPSS Provision for Excluded Pupils	£0.400m
Remove 0.19% reduction from delegated Budgets	£0.520m

Remainder to be held as contingency

5. *Variations to the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) 2012/13*

The group recommended that the proposals in the report to Schools Forum be accepted

6. *Treatment of Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) at Year End*

The group recommended that:

- a) PPG should be excluded from the calculation of a school's permitted revenue balance threshold
- b) Any unspent PPG at the year end to be reported on the Intended Use of Revenue Balances return under Section 2 as a permitted ringfenced grant
- c) Schools should not be required to provide any explanation in support of unspent PPG.

7. *Free School Meals Pool*

The group recommended that the balance be distributed base on Option 3 as set out in the paper.

8. *Proposals*

That Schools Forum note the recommendations made by the Schools Funding Working Group in paragraphs 4 to 7 above and take these recommendations in to account when considering the relevant papers on the agenda.

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